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XXX SMITH SAID TONIGHT,
(TEXT) IN A SOLEMN BROADCAST TO THE NATION, MR. SMITH SAID HIS
GOVERNMENT WOULD MEET AFRICAN LEADERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO
DISCUSS FORMATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT TO DRAW UP A
MAJORITY RULE CONSTITUTION.

HE SAID HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS PUT TO
HIM BY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WAS CONDITIONAL
ON TWO POINTS ON WHICH DR. KISSINGER HAD GIVEN HIM CATEGORICAL
ASSURANCES

--THAT INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA WOULD BE LIFTED;

--THAT THE GUERRILLA WAR AGAINST RHODESIA WOULD CEASE.

HE SAID HE HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN ONCE THE
INTERIM GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN FORMED.

"IN THE LIGHT OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, THERE WILL BE SOME
UNDERSTANDABLE SKEPTICISM REGARDING THE UNDERTAKING THAT
TERRORISM WILL CEASE," MR. SMITH SAID IN REFERRING TO THE FOUR-
YEAR-OLD GUERRILLA WAR.

"BUT ON THIS OCCASION, THE ASSURANCE IS GIVEN NOT ONLY ON THE
AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BUT OF THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT AS WELL."

MR. SMITH'S BROADCAST FOLLOWED A WEEK OF INTENSE SPECULATION

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AS TO WHETHER THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS MADE BY DR. KISSINGER.

THE PRIME MINISTER DID NOT SAY WHICH AFRICAN LEADERS HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD MEET TO DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT FOR THE COUNTRY OF SIX MILLION BLACKS AND 270,000 WHITES.

BUT HE SAID THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIST OF TWO BODIES:

1. A COUNCIL OF STATE WHICH WOULD HAVE EQUAL NUMBERS OF BLACK AND WHITE MEMBERS AND A WHITE, NON-VOTING CHAIRMAN;

2. A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, PREDOMINANTLY BLACK, WITH A BLACK FIRST MINISTER.

MR. SMITH SAID THE COUNCIL OF STATE WOULD BE THE SUPREME BODY. IT WOULD APPOINT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND DRAW UP THE CONSTITUTION. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL HAVE DELEGATED LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, MEANING IT WILL RUN THE COUNTRY OF A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS.

MR. SMITH SAID THAT SINCE HIS WEEKEND MEETING WITH DR. KISSINGER IN PRETORIA HE HAD REITERATED TO THE U.S. SECRETARY AND HIS ASSOCIATES "OUR CONCERN OVER THEIR ABILITY TO FULFILL THEIR UNDERTAKING TO HALT TERRORISM."

MR. SMITH GAVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE "PACKAGE DEAL" WHICH HE AND HIS CABINET AND RULING RHODESIAN FRONT PARTY HAD ACCEPTED DURING A SERIES OF MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

HE SAID IT SPECIFIED MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS; AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT COMPRISING A COUNCIL OF STATE AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS; CALLED FOR ENABLING LEGISLATION TO BE ENACTED BY BRITAIN AND RHODESIA TO PROVIDE FOR THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT; AND AN END TO SANCTIONS AND ALL ACTS OF WAR.

HE SAID THE PACKAGE ALSO INCLUDED PROVISIONS FOR SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR RHODESIA FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

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